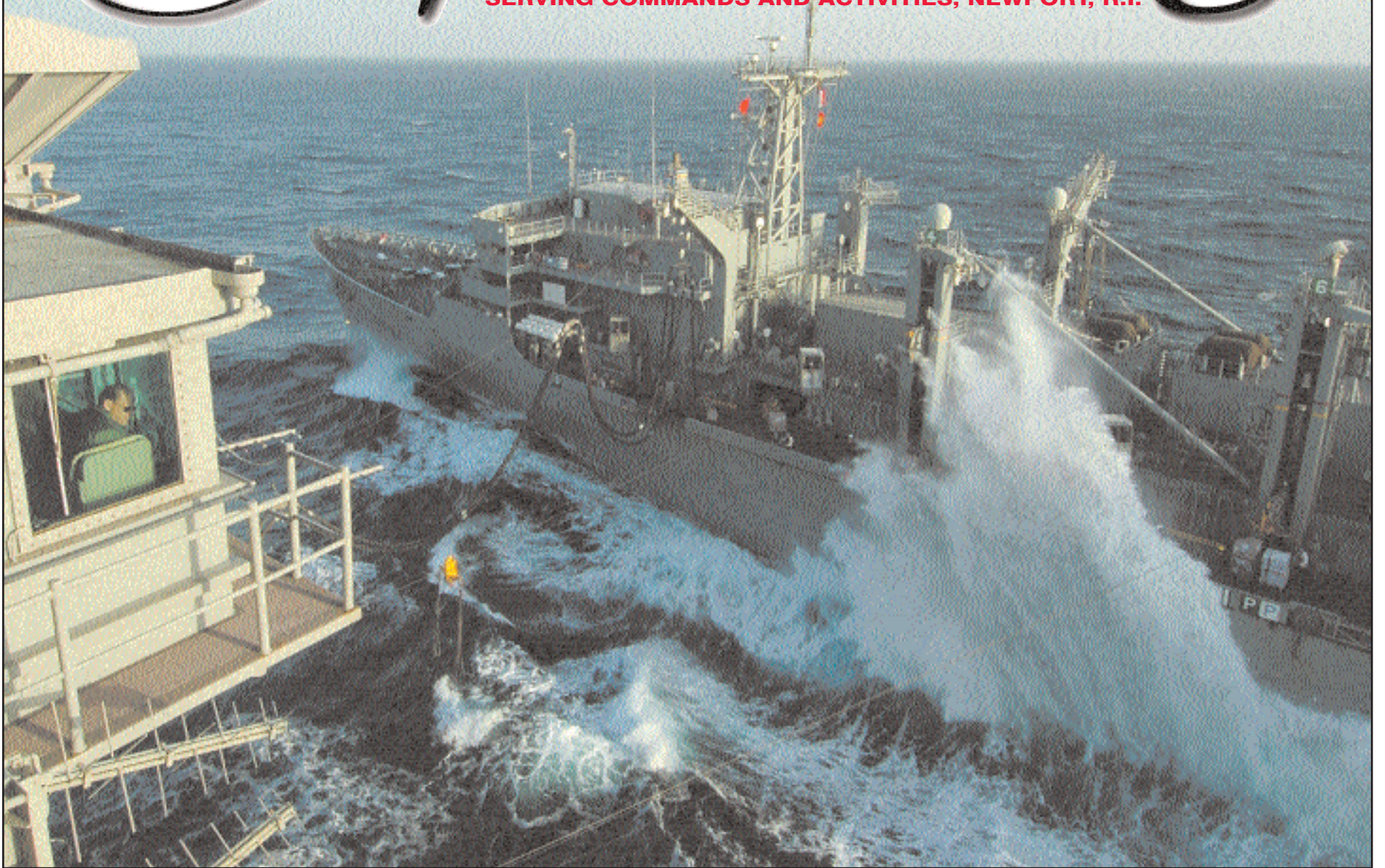


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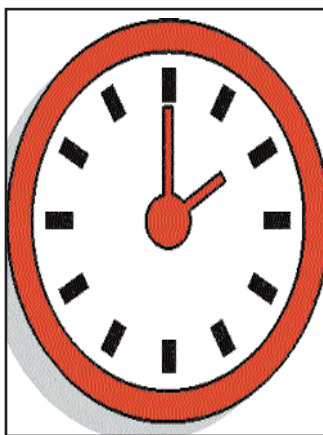
WHITE WATER VIEW — Capt. Dan Cloyd, left, commanding officer of the USS Dwight D. Eisenhower (CVN 69), watches from auxiliary control as a wave crashes alongside the Military Sealift Command (MSC) fast combat support ship USNS Arctic (T-AOE 8) during an underway replenishment. The Nimitz-class aircraft carrier and embarked Carrier Air Wing Seven (CVW-7) are on a regularly scheduled deployment in support of Maritime Security Operations and the global war on terrorism.



Navy Newport to join parade

Navy Newport Sailors and Marines will join Newport's annual St. Patrick's Day Parade on March 17.

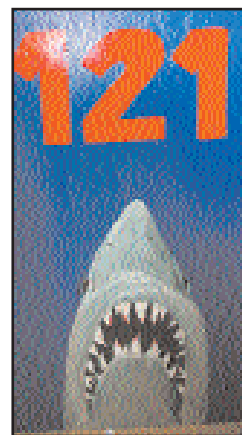
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NMCI ready for time shift

Navy Marine Corps Intranet takes steps system-wide in preparation for day-light saving time this Sunday.

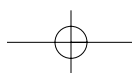
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NUWC helps tune up robot

Naval Undersea Warfare Center engineers team with high school technology students to build Rhode Warrior 121.

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Student throughput due for increase, CO reports

By **RICHARD ALEXANDER**
Navalog editor

Capt. Todd A. Malloy, Commanding Officer, Naval Station Newport, had good news to report on the overall impact of the Base Realignment and Closure Commission (BRAC) decisions from 2005.

"An additional 5,500 students, on top of our current annual student throughput of 9,400, will pass through Navy Newport annually after BRAC implementation is complete in 2012," he said.

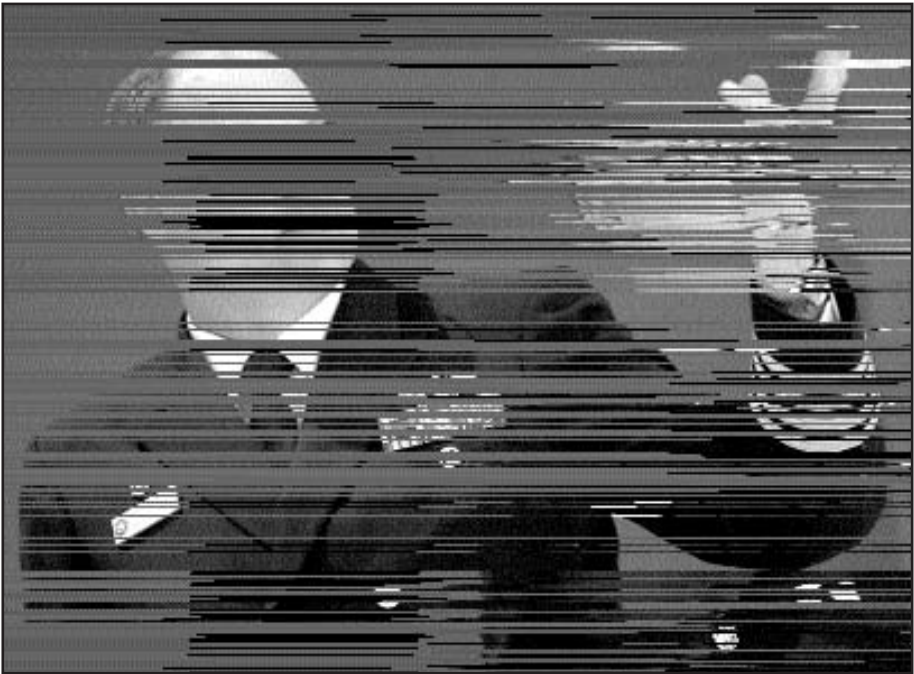
Malloy gave a community brief, attended by approximately 50 people, last week at the Newport campus of the Community College of Rhode Island (CCRI).

Using a Power Point presentation, "Naval Station Newport: The Navy's Center of Excellence for Officer Education and Development," Malloy gave a broad overview of the past, present and future for the Navy in Newport.

Navy Newport has a total of 5,460 employees with an annual payroll of more than \$560 million, he said. Last year there were 9,360 graduates from the various schools and courses offered on the installation, but the number will increase by 63 percent by fiscal year 2011. The largest increase (49 percent) will be in the Officer Training Command Newport (OTCN) cam-

pus at Coddington Point as schools formerly in Pensacola, Fla., continue to relocate to Newport.

The Limited Duty Officer/Chief Warrant Officer course and the Direct Commissioning Officer (DCO) indoctrination course relocated to Newport in January, and Officer Candidate School will return to Newport in August after operating in Pensacola for nearly 13 years.



Courtesy Newport Daily News photo

Capt. Todd A. Malloy, Commanding Officer, Naval Station Newport, gestures during his community brief last week at the Community College of Rhode Island, Newport campus.

OTCN currently occupies King Hall, but will assume spaces in Callaghan Hall after renovations are completed.

The Navy Supply Corps School in Georgia will bring 2,500 students to Newport annually after it relocates, he said.

In a non-BRAC related change, the Senior Enlisted Academy will almost triple its student throughput this fiscal year. Enrollment will go from just over 700 last year to more than 2,000

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NMCI prepared for time change

Spring forward; fall back. Those four words have signaled most Americans to change their clocks in April and October, respectfully. Computers, cell phones and PDA's with internal clocks are programmed for the April and October date and make the necessary time changes automatically.

Beginning this year, however, daylight-saving time is extended one month and begins for most of the United States on March 11 and runs until the first Sunday of November. The new dates were set in the Energy Policy Act of 2005.

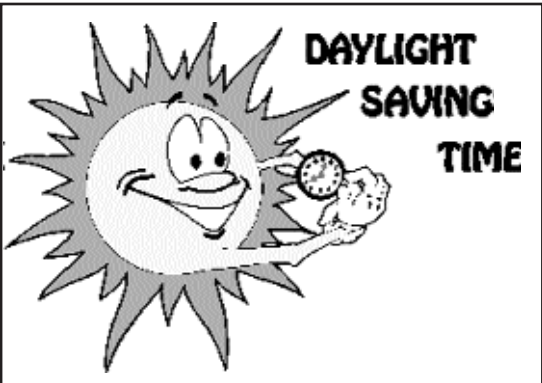
While this new change will provide us with more usable hours of daylight, it could also signal the prospect of some technological glitches. The NMCI network is prepared and ready to make these changes by delivering a patch to users at their computer station.

Like most computers, NMCI desktops and laptops are running Windows operating systems which are programmed for the old daylight-saving time. To fix this, the NMCI enterprise has distributed a patch to the Windows operating system and Microsoft Outlook to ensure the time zone

settings for the NMCI computer's system clock and Microsoft Outlook calendar are correct.

The patch was phased in via a Radia push between Feb. 26 and March 5.

NMCI users did not have to



leave their computer on at night to receive this patch. In addition to the patch, NMCI distributed the Outlook Time Zone Update Tool. This tool only needs to be run if users operate their calendar from an Outlook Personal Folder (.pst) or for Users which are a Science & Technology or Thin Client seat.

Cell phones, BlackBerries and other handheld devices do not need a patch. Service providers will directly and automatically update the devices to ensure the correct date and time are displayed.

Please note that some NMCI sites do not recognize daylight-saving time.

For assistance, contact the NMCI Help Desk at 1-866-THE-NMCI (1-866-843-6624).

Navy units to join Irish parade

By **BOB KREKORIAN**
NAVSTA Public Affairs Staff

The Navy in Newport will be well represented at the 51st annual St. Patrick's Day Parade in Newport on Saturday, March 17. The two-mile parade will step off at 11 a.m. from Newport City Hall and end at St. Augustin's Church.

Among the military contingent will include a Marine color guard and marching unit

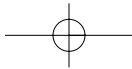
from the Broadened Opportunity for Officer Selection and Training (BOOST) and Seaman to Admiral 21 programs from Officer Training Command Newport, the marching band from Navy Band Northeast, and a color guard from Naval Health Clinic New England, Newport

In addition, personnel from the Explosive Ordnance Disposal Mobile Unit Two Detachment will ride the EOD

response vehicle.

Fire apparatus and a patrol car will be provided by the Naval Station Newport Fire and Security Departments.

The parade, a highlight of Newport's month-long celebration of Irish Heritage Month, will include floats, marching units from various service and civic organizations, school bands, and Irish step dancers.



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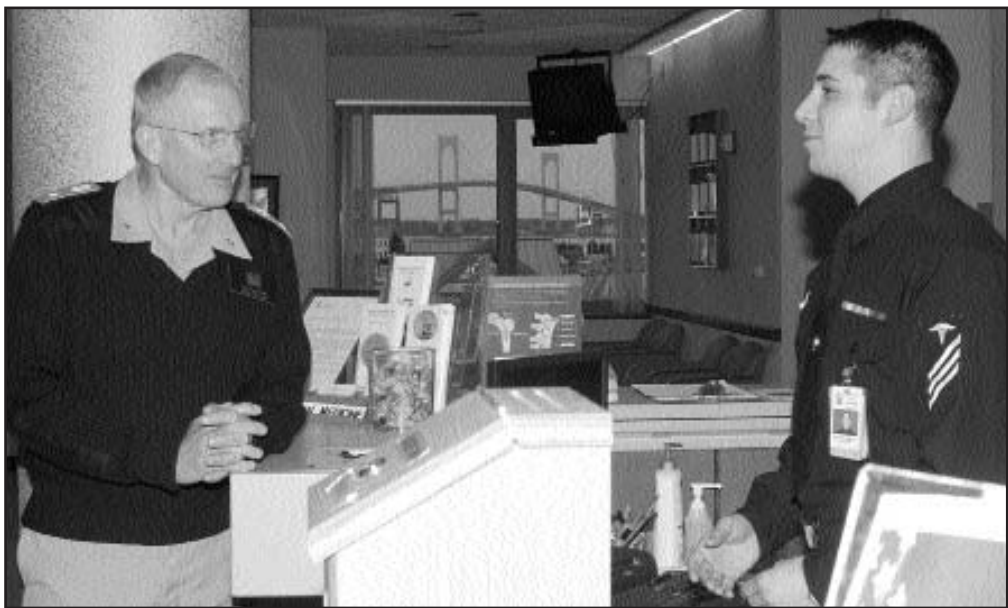
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FLAG VISIT — Rear Adm. Thomas Cullison, left, Commander, Navy Medicine East and Commander, Naval Medical Center, Portsmouth, Va., visits Hospitalman Gabriel Carrillo at the Internal Medicine Clinic during a Rear Admiral's Call for active duty and civilians at Naval Health Clinic New England Newport on Feb. 22. Cullison spoke about the 'jointness' of military medicine in caring for the wounded returning home, and about being sensitive to the emotional needs of family members involved.

WAVES unit LDO/CWO Class 7090 slates tea graduates 36 today

BRISTOL — Ocean State Unit 118 of WAVES National (Women of the Sea Services) is hosting its 10th annual Welcome to Spring Tea on Thursday, March 15, at 1:30 p.m. at the Rhode Island Veterans' Home lunch room.

Unit 118 is looking for ser

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The Limited Duty Officer/Chief Warrant Officer (LDO/CWO) Class 7080 will graduate from Officer Training Command Newport this morning at 9 at Capt. Howard N. Kay Hall. Guest speaker will be Cmdr. Richard E. Verbeke, Production Management Assistant, Naval Submarine

Support Facility, New London, Groton, Conn.

The LDO/CWO curriculum includes leadership, academics, military discipline and drill, physical training, damage control, fire fighting, water survival training, handgun qualification; and a shared

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Eccles to head NUWC divisions

By DAVID SANDERS
NUWC Public Affairs Officer

Rear Adm. (sel.) Thomas J. Eccles assumed command of the Naval Undersea Warfare Center (NUWC) last Friday during ceremonies at NUWC's headquarters in Building 1320 on the NUWC compound.

As Commander NUWC, Eccles will oversee the Navy's full-spectrum research, development, test and evaluation, engineering and fleet support center for submarines, autonomous underwater systems, and offensive and defensive weapons systems associated with undersea warfare. NUWC consists of two major divisions: Division Newport located in Middletown and Division Keyport in Washington state.

In addition, Eccles will maintain his current position as deputy commander for Undersea Warfare and Undersea Technology at the Naval Sea Systems Command, where he is responsible for the safety, certification, maintenance and material readiness of the attack, guided missile and ballistic missile submarine fleets.



Eccles

A native of Wallingford, Conn., Eccles graduated from Mark T. Sheehan High School in Wallingford. He has earned four degrees from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, in electrical engineering, mechanical engineering, management and naval engineering.

His previous experience includes serving as Program Manager for Advanced Undersea Systems, responsible for the research and development submarines and the Navy's submarine escape and rescue systems, including atmospheric diving systems. Previously, he was program manager of Seawolf class submarines through the delivery of USS Jimmy Carter, where his team was awarded the Meritorious Unit Commendation. He was also program manager for the design and construction of the unmanned autonomous submarine Cutthroat.

Eccles served at sea aboard attack submarines USS Richard B. Russell and USS Gurnard. After transfer to the engineering duty officer community, he served as ship superintendent for the conver-

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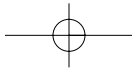
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CAREER MILESTONE -- Graduating with distinction, Cmdr. Dennis R. Crews, right, receives his diploma from retired rear Adm. Roger T. Nolan at graduation ceremonies for the Naval War College March Class of 2007 in Spruance Auditorium last Friday. Cmdr. Crews' next assignment is Training Squadron 31, Corpus Christi, Texas.

OTCN instructor earns recognition

Machinist Mate 1st Class (SW) Geovanny F. Maldonado, attached to Officer Training Command Newport, was recently honored for his selection as the 2006 Senior Sailor of the Year at Naval Service Training Command, Great Lakes.

His selection advanced him for competition to the Navy Manpower Training and Education (MPT&E) Sailor of the Year board to be held this month in Washington D.C.

As the leading petty officer (LPO) at OTCN's Firefighting School, Maldonado is responsible for the daily operation of a 19F3A type trainer and a crew of instructors who provide high risk training to all OTCN officer accessions, local Coast Guard crews, Surface Warfare Officer School Com-



OTCN photo
Rear Adm. A.O. Lotring, left, Commander, Naval Service Training Command, congratulates Machinist's Mate 1st Class (SW) Geovanny Maldonado on his selection as the Naval Service Training Command Sailor of the Year for 2006.

mand students, and visiting fleet personnel.

A native of Honduras, Central America, Maldonado enlisted in the Navy in June of 2000 and received basic training at Great Lakes Naval Train-

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Choristers in concert

PORTSMOUTH — The Newport Navy Choristers concert will offer their “Music for a Sunday Afternoon,” on March 11 at 4 p.m., St. Barnabas Church on East Main Road.

The Choristers, under the direction of JoAnn Loewenthal, will present a concert of light fare music that the entire family will enjoy. Call 849-4823 or visit www.newportnavychoristers.org for information.

TODAY, March 9

- Newport Irish Heritage Month continues through March 31. Celebrate all that is Irish with Celtic storytelling, Irish step-dancing, lectures, afternoon teas, tastings and St. Patrick's Day parade on March 17. Call 845-9123 for information.
- USS Saratoga Museum and Store open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday, 6854 Post Road, North Kingstown. Display of models, paintings, photos, uniforms and ship memorabilia.
- Sovereign Bank Family Skating Center open through March 31, Newport Yachting Center.
- Jewish Shabbat service, 5:30 p.m., Naval Chaplains School, Korn Worship Room. Call Chaplain (Cmdr.) Mitch Schranz, Chapel of Hope, 841-2234. Services are every other Friday, with the next service scheduled for March 23.

SATURDAY, March 10

- Tim Harrison in concert, (doors open at 7 p.m.) 8 p.m., Common Fence Point Community Hall, 933 Anthony Road, Portsmouth. Call 401-683-5085 or visit www.commonfencemusic.org for information.
- The 14th annual Rhode Island Pet Show & TICA Cat Show, Rhode Island Convention Center, Saturday and Sunday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Call 860-563-2111 or visit louise@osbornejenks.com for information.
- Maple Sugar Thanksgiving, Tomaquag Museum, 390 Summit Road, Exeter. Observe tree tapping, taste maple foods, celebrate the first harvest and the new season. Call 401-491-9063 or visit www.tomaquagmuseum.com for

information.

- Up Close on Hope, Festival Ballet Providence Theatre, 825 Hope St., Providence, continues through March 18. Bold, exciting choreographers, varied dance styles and more in an intimate seating style limited to 90 guests. Call 401-363-1129 or visit www.festivalballet.com for information.

SUNDAY, March 11

- Daylight Saving Time begins, turn clocks ahead 1 hour.
- Chapel of Hope worship services:
 - Protestant service, 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.
 - Catholic mass, 9 a.m.

TUESDAY, March 13

- USS Saratoga Museum and Store open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday, 6854 Post Road, North Kingstown. Display of models, paintings, photos, uniforms and ship memorabilia.

WEDNESDAY, March 14

- 57th annual Rhode Island Home Show, opens through March 18, Rhode Island Convention Center, One Sabin St., Providence. Call 401-458-6000 or visit www.riahomeshow.com for times and information.
- Armed Forces Night with the Boston Celtics, vs. Atlanta Hawks, 7:30 p.m., at TD Banknorth Garden, Boston. Half-off tickets are available for active duty, reserve, ROTC, retired personnel and their families. Call Robert Vines directly at 617-854-8077 or email your request to bob-byv@celtics.com
- USS Saratoga Museum and Store open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday, 6854 Post Road, North Kingstown. Display of models, paintings, photos, uniforms and ship memorabilia.
- Blood drive, 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. Naval Health Clinic New England Newport, Command Conference Room

THURSDAY, March 15

- Welcome to Spring Tea, Ocean State Unit 118 of WAVES National (Women of the Sea Services) 1:30 p.m., Rhode Island Veterans' Home, Bristol.
- USS Saratoga Museum and Store open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday, 6854 Post Road, North Kingstown. Display of models, paintings, photos, uniforms and ship memorabilia.

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Fleet and Family Support Center

Learn to handle your daily stress

EDITOR'S NOTE: Some of the Fleet and Family Support Center workshops and meetings require registration. Call 841-2283 for information.

You can ease your daily stress at the Stress Management workshop on Thursdays, March 15 and 22, from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m., at the Fleet and Family Support Center.

If you sometimes have problems coping with day-to-day situations, or just need some relief from stress on the job or at home, then this series of workshops is for you. Learn how to assess your stress level,

increase stress relief skills to avoid burnout, and learn how to regain control of stressful situations.

Start your own business — The Fleet and Family Support Center is conducting a workshop on Starting Your Own Business on Thursday, March 15, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Participants will hear what it takes to open and run their own business. Advantages and disadvantages of running your own business will be addressed, as well as the steps needed for identifying the types of business to establish and financial resources to do

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HELPFUL VIDEOS – Fleet and Family Support Center videos are offered twice a day at 9 a.m. and 7 p.m., seven days a week over Newport Naval Cable Television channel 13. The specialized videos are designed to help military members and their families with the frequent challenges and problems of daily life.

so. Ombudsman Assembly rescheduled — The Ombudsman Assembly meeting was rescheduled for Tuesday, March 27 from 6 to 8 p.m., at the Fleet and Family Support Center, for local area command Ombudsmen and their Command Support Team (CST) members.

Ombudsman participation

is required and CST support is requested. Ombudsman Advanced Training will address "Individual Augmentee (IA) Assignments," recognizing the unique aspects of an IA deployment and the Ombudsman support of the IA families.

Read your credit report — Learn about information on credit reports at the Fleet and Family Support Center on

Tuesday, March 20, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Credit reports are used not only by banks, loan companies, and credit card companies, but also by rental property agencies, potential employers, and can be part of a job security clearance process. Bring a copy of your credit report, available at www.annualcreditreport.com to the class.

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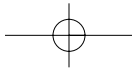
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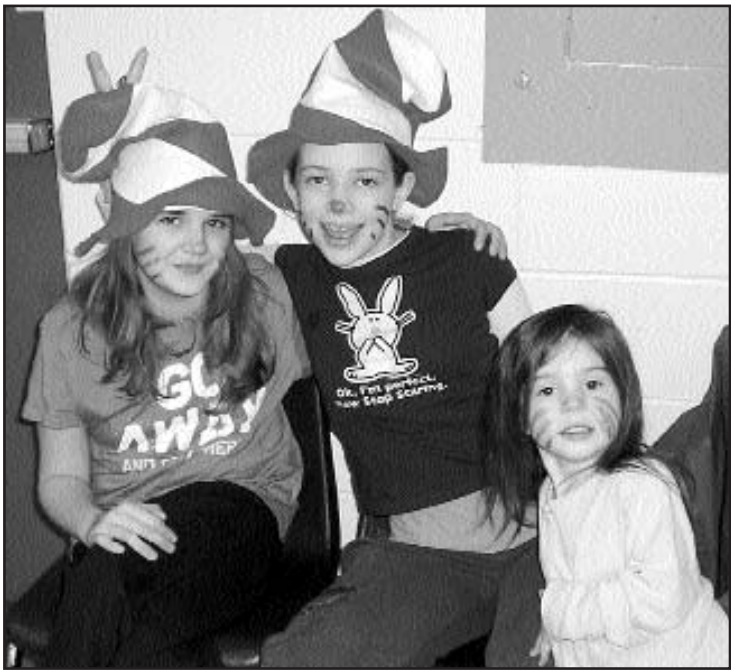
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HAT TRICK—From left, Sydney Brusseau, Raven Robertson and Hailey Beard pose in the Cat in the Hat costumes and makeup at GMH Military Housing’s Dr. Seuss’s 103rd Birthday Bash last Friday at the Greene Lane Community Center. More than 90 showed up to celebrate the famous children’s book author with cake, ice cream, soda and juice, and a variety of games. The party kicked off GMH Community Outreach’s first Scholastic Book Fair.

Software upgrade required for Transitional CAC cards

By NMCI Public Affairs

Have you received a new Common Access Card (CAC) lately? If so, you may have received a new version of the card, known as a “Transitional CAC.”

Transitional CACs look very similar to the previous version of the card, with one small difference: it will list the manufacturer on the back as either Oberthur Card Systems ID-One Cosmo v5.2 72K, Oberthur Card Systems ID-One v5.2, or Gemalto Cyberflex Access v2c 64K.

Transitional CACs are not compatible with the version of the ActivClient software currently installed on NMCI laptops and desktops. If you received a new CAC card since Jan. 18, check to see if it lists the name on the back as one of the manufacturers listed above.

If you do have a Transitional CAC, please call the Help Desk at 1-866-THE-NMCI to request

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NEX Service Command Public Affairs

VIRGINIA BEACH, Va. (NNS) — For the fourth straight year, Navy Exchange Service Command (NEXCOM) improved its Customer Satisfaction Index (CSI) rating.

NEXCOM's score, based on a survey conducted in October 2006, rose one point ahead of its goal, to 79, and places the agency in the top tier of retailers in customer satisfaction. The rating significantly exceeds the average of 74 to 75 for the retail industry.

Compared to 2005 results, key areas showing improvement include store environment, ease of customers navigating the store and measures of convenience. Each of which rose two points. Ease of finding merchandise, pricing, sales flyers, merchandise selection and merchandise availability all rose one point each. There was no change in customer attitudes regarding returns, associates or checkout.

The survey also revealed that 74 percent of customers indicated they shop the NEX for

savings over other retailers, value-priced merchandise and tax savings. That score is up from 46 percent who shopped for price-motivated reasons in 2005.

“I am very pleased with the results of this most recent CSI survey,” said Rear Adm. Robert E. Cowley, Commander, Navy Exchange Service Command. “All associates have worked extremely hard to ensure our customers have the best possible shopping experience at the

NEX. This latest survey proves we continue to improve our customer focus.”

Once again in 2006, all but one district either maintained its score or increased it over the previous year.

“Just as important, 52 percent of stores surveyed had an overall CSI score of 80 or above,” said Cowley. “In addition, there were no stores who had a CSI score below 60. This is phenomenal.”

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Fund drive underway for Navy Relief 2007

The Navy Marine Corp Relief Society's annual fund drive began March 1, and active duty Sailors and Marines are encouraged to give generously. This is an opportunity for Sailors and Marines to help one another.

The NMCRS, founded in 1904, is comprised of 3,400 volunteers and a small professional staff who are available 24 hours a day to help with unexpected needs and personal emergencies. This year marks the 102nd year of service of NMCRS office in Newport.

During 2006, \$37.8 million was disbursed in more than 38,500 relief cases. That support included \$1.2 million in combat casualty assistance to

more than 778 Marine Corps and Navy families in their time of need and crisis.

With the exception of the Combined Federal Campaign, the annual fund drive is the only fundraising campaign authorized in the government workplace.

NMCRS helps with many personal issues of Sailors and Marines, taking care of family members during a service-member's deployment.

The fund drive goal is to meet or surpass last year's contributions. More than \$62,000 was collected in Newport last year.

Donations are 100 percent tax deductible, and 100 percent of contribution s go directly to the organization.

Special events

MWR Easter Faire returns

The Morale, Welfare and Recreation Department's annual Easter Faire will be held at the Harbor Island Conference Center, Building 684, on Saturday, March 31, from 10 a.m. to noon.

Children, ages 2 to 8, may enjoy crafts, games, face painting, balloons animals and entertainment, in addition to a visit from the Easter Bunny. Light refreshments will be offered.

Announcements

Motorcycle safety course

The Motorcycle Safety Foundation's Basic Rider Course (BRC) and the Experience Rider Course (ERC) are offered several times throughout the riding season. The Motorcycle Safety Training Course is outside Gate 4 on Coddington Highway.

The basic course consists of morning sessions, followed by hands-on training at the course. The experienced rider course is just one day.

Classes scheduled this spring are:

BRC: April 9 and 10; May 2 and 3; June 4 and 5; July 11 and 12.

ERC: April 11; May 4; June 6; and July 13.

Registration for classes are held in Building 1CC, the NAVOSH Safety Office. For information, call Mark Powers at 841-2806.

Tall Ships volunteers needed

Tall Ships Rhode Island will hold an international celebration of sail training vessels in Newport on June 27 to July 1. The Tall Ships fleet is expected to draw 250,000 people to Newport.

The Navy is not directly involved in the planning, but volunteers are needed for security, driving and parking VIP vehicles, crowd and line control, safety and first aid, a tourist information desk, merchandise and ticket sales, setup, cleanup and administration.

Previous volunteer experience and some fluency and foreign languages are helpful, but not required.

For more information or to volunteer, visit www.tallship-srhodeisland.org call 841-0080 or send and email to tsri07@verizon.net

Bayside Gas closed tomorrow

The Bayside Gas Station and Convenience Store will be closed on Saturday, March 10, for most of the day for electrical repairs.

Meyerkord closed this month

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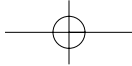
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Alex Landry, left, and Steve Solway, Tiverton High School freshmen, move the goal into position for practice in warehouse Building 2.

Robotics Team entry hits the Rhode again

By **RICHARD ALEXANDER**
Navallog editor

For the 13th straight year, Naval Undersea Warfare Center (NUWC) Division Newport engineers have partnered with high school technology students to enter regional and national robotics competition.

The 2007 version of Rhode Warrior 121, was constructed last month in vacant Warehouse 2 at Naval Station Newport, then crated and shipped to Boston University for regional FIRST Robotics competition March 22-24. National competition will be held in Atlanta, Ga., again this year in April.

FIRST stands for, For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology to encourage students to pursue math and science with a hands-on approach.

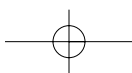
For more than 10 years, only Middletown High School was involved. Now the Robotics and Technology Team of Newport County includes 30 to 40 teens from Portsmouth, Tiverton, Bristol-Warren and Mt. Hope High School. Alumni from the University of Rhode's robotics club mentor the younger high school teens every year. Raytheon Company

in Portsmouth paid for the regional entry fee. every day, including weekends

"We have been meeting **ROBOTICS, Page 11**



Rhode Warrior 121 practices hanging pool inner tubes on the goal.



Gabe Schwartz, left, NUWC engineer; and Rick Blight, second right, URI team strategist, watch as Greg Sanford, Tiverton High School freshman, and Jon Sirr, right, Middletown High senior, practice operating the drive and control remotes from the console.

Robotics

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and holidays, since the kickoff on Jan. 6," Mike Fenton, NUWC engineer, said. "We have produced another very competitive product."

Hours and hours were spent cutting and drilling aluminum framing, assembling and disassembling the rolling robot's chassis, wiring and soldering circuitry, then test driving over and over again. The pieces were assembled from a standardized kit supplied by FIRST.

Fenton, NUWC engineer, said this year's game is called Rack 'n' Roll, which pits two teams of three robots each. The challenge is to hang inflated pool inner tubes on a circular "rack" of 24 "spider legs" that form eight columns and three rows.

The tubes are worth two points each on the rack, with additional points for tubes of the same color in a straight line vertically or horizontally, like tic-tac-toe.

Also, at the end of the match, points can be scored by elevating a partner's robot in the home zone.



NUWC engineer Mike Fenton, left, and his son, Kyle, a Middletown High School and University of Rhode Island alumni, tinker with the robot's gear mechanism. Kyle is now a project engineer at PentAir.



Mitchell Moran, Tiverton sophomore, drills wood during the construction phase.

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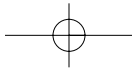
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Quick take



Name: NC1 (SW/AW) Derrick N. Randle Sr.
Title: Navy counselor, NAVSTA Command Career Counselor
Hometown: Memphis, Tenn.
Most memorable career event: Dec. 24, 2001, when I was frocked to first class.
Most memorable life event: Birth of my son
Favorite duty station: The Pentagon
Role model(s): My grandfather, Charles Randle
Free time activities: Basketball, working with elderly disabled adults
Favorite book: *The Color of Water: A Black Man's Tribute to His White Mother* by James McBride
Favorite movie: *Scarface*
Favorite TV show: *The Wire*
Favorite professional team: 49ers
Secret to success: You're never too old to learn
Favorite local restaurant: Ruby Tuesday, Middletown
Something I've always wanted to do or be: Fly a plane
Pet peeve: People who won't do things for themselves even though they are perfectly capable
Favorite quote, motto or phrase: "The more you read, the more you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you will go." –Dr. Seuss
Long-term goal in life: Elementary (school) guidance counselor
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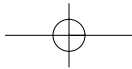
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Birthday party packages are available from \$10 to \$15 per child, depending on meal and regular/Xtreme bowling.

For more information, call Seaview Lanes at 841-4293

March specials:

March 17 — Celebrate St. Patrick's Day. Wear your green and pay half price per string (\$1.50) for open bowling from 1 to 8 p.m.

March 24 — Family Night Xtreme Bowling. Pay half-price per string from 8 to 11 p.m. Pay only \$5/hour per person, or \$12.50 per person for all

three hours; or \$1.75/game per person. (Shoe rental included only in the hourly rates)

Special fitness activities

(Gym 109, 841-3154/FITNESS Plus, 841-1474)

March Madness Fun Run on March 14 at 11:45 a.m. at Gym 109.

Runner's Clinic on March 15 at Gym 109 from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Get free information and advice on running!

Group Fitness Challenge: MWR is challenging everyone to take part in the first annual group fitness class challenge! The goal is to complete 20 classes in five weeks. Participants ages 14 and up may choose any group fitness or water fitness class that we offer to assist them in completing the challenge.

The program starts on March 12 and ends on April 14. Prizes will be awarded to all who successfully complete the program. For more information, call Gym 109 at 841-7196.

Liberty Center

(Recreation Center Building 656, 841-3054)

Hours of operation, Monday

to Thursday, 4 to 9 p.m.; Friday, 4 to 10 p.m.; Saturday, noon to 10 p.m. ; and Sunday and holidays, 2 to 10 p.m.

March events:

Tonight — Billiards tournament begins at 7 p.m., with prizes for winners.

March 10 — Trip to Caribiner's Rock Climbing. Van leaves at 11 a.m. and returns at 4 p.m. Fee is \$10 .

March 11 — NCAA Basketball March Madness begins, so fill out your bracket challenge.

March 13 — Movie Marathon begins at 4 p.m. Free popcorn .

March 15 — NCAA Basketball Tournament begins, so watch all the games at the Liberty Center.

March 16 — Ping Pong Tournament, 7 p.m. prizes for winners.

March 17 — It's St. Patrick's Day. Wearin' o' the green will get you a prize.

March 18 — Make your own ice cream sundae, 3 p.m. FREE.

March 22 — First day of spring, so there's free goodies.

March 23 — Billiards Tournament starts at 7 p.m., with prizes for winners.

March 24 — Trip to Boston will leave at 9 a.m. and return at 7 p.m. \$10 fee for transportation.

Pool 307

(Pool 307, 841-6628)

Swimming lessons for all skill levels are offered, pre-school (ages 3 to 5) and

Level 1, 2 and 3 (ages 6 and up).

The next session of swim lessons are from April 2 through May 4. Lessons meet twice a week for four weeks and cost \$50 per person. There will be no classes from April 16 to 20. Registrations start on March 23 at Gym 109.

Aerobics/ exercise

(Gym 109, Building 109, 841-3154)

MWR Fitness classes: Stop by Gym 109 or Fitness Plus and pick up the new fitness schedule. There are a variety of classes including water aerobics, extreme cardio kickboxing and cycling classes.

Classes are taught at Gym 109 as early as 6 a.m. and as late 6 p.m., Monday through Friday. There is a class to fit into nearly everyone's hectic schedule! No need to pre-register; just show up and get fit!

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Next, attend the lottery drawing on Tuesday, March 20, at 5 p.m. at the Topside Pub to choose your game if your name is drawn.

Winners will have until Thursday, April 5 to purchase the tickets at the ITT Office in Building 1121. Only immediate family members may represent an active duty member at the lottery. For more information, call the ITT Office at 841-3116.

Calling all 'Parrot Heads'

The MWR Information, Tickets & Travel Office will have a pre-sale for the Jimmy Buffett concert at Gillette Stadium in Foxboro, Mass., on Sept. 2.

Tickets are located in the Clubhouse and are \$131 each. A \$60 deposit per ticket will reserve your ticket until they are received. For more information, call ITT at 841-3116.

Bus trip set March 18 to N.E. Flower Show

Information, Tickets and Travel Office is planning a bus trip to the Spring 2007 New England Flower Show on Sunday, March 18, at the Bayside Expo Center, Boston.

Round-trip transportation and ticket to the show will be \$29 per person. The bus leaves the Commissary parking lot at 8 a.m. and returns to Naval Station Newport at approximately 4 p.m.

For more information, call the ITT Office at 841-3116.

ITT has your ticket

Information, Tickets and Travel has discount tickets to the following:

At The Ryan Center, University of Rhode Island:

The Harlem Globetrotters on March 23 at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$18 each;

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At the Dunkin Donuts Center:

The Harlem Globetrotters on March 24 at 1 p.m. Tickets are \$15.50 each.

Loudon Speedway in New Hampshire: NASCAR Race on July 1 at Loudon Speedway in New Hampshire. Tickets are \$72.50 each.

Lift tickets for Mt. Wachusett in Princeton, Mass., weekend/holiday: \$42.40; or weekday or weeknight: \$32.50. Also:

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— Other lift tickets are available to Bretton Woods, Cannon Mountain, Gunstock, King Pine, Ragged Mountain and Wildcat. Some lift tickets require a 24-hour notice. For more information, call ITT at 841-3116.

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Do you like to eat out and try new restaurants? Then the 2007 Newport County Dinner Club book is perfect for you! The books are now available at the Information, Tickets and Travel Office, Building 1121 and are priced at just \$18.50 each.

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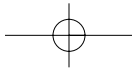
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It's also MWR happy hour with reduced prices on domestic drafts and soft drinks from 5 to 6:30 p.m. For more information, call the O' Club at 841-4821.

Saturday: Topside Pub opens at 4 p.m. Full pub menu available until 10 p.m.

Sunday: All-hands Sunday breakfast returns on Sunday, April 22.

Monday to Friday: Lunch begins at 11 a.m., at the Topside Pub where you can order from the menu all day long. Lunch service is open to all-hands from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. There are always daily specials available from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and menu is available until 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday and until 10 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

Thursday: It's Lobster Night from 5 to 7 in the Topside Pub. One and a quarter-pound select lobsters for a price you won't find anywhere else! Also available a la carte are: Buffalo wings, baked potatoes and side salads to complete your dining experience!

Just a reminder: The O' Club Ballroom is under renovations until spring, but the remainder of the club is open. Call catering for your party needs. The O' Club can also bring the party to you.

Enlisted Clubs

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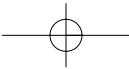
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Intramural basketball

The Naval Station Newport Intramural basketball results for the week ending March 5 follow:

- NWC SR def. NSC, 29-26
NAVSTA Patriots def. NWC SR, 53-42
NWC Seniors def. NHCNE, 40-36
REDCOM def. NSC, 42-38
- Standings**
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BOOST.....3-3
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NWC Senior.....2-1
REDCOM.....2-6
NSC.....1-6
Blood Stripes.....0-2

Malloy

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as a result of a new requirement for all senior and master chiefs to attend the academy in Tomich Hall.

Capt. Malloy also provided an update on the movement of services and facilities, and future construction projects.

The Recreation Center's Seaview Lanes were renovated and reopened in January; and the Officers' Club ballroom and outdoor deck are being completely renovated in time to enjoy the views and weather this season.

Outdoor Recreation Rental will move from its current location in Building 304 to the Liberty Center Building 656; and the Auto Skills Shop will move into the garage bays at the Bayside Convenience Store and Gas Station on Whipple Street. Morale, Welfare and Recreation also has plans for office space in the former Noble Roman's pizza restaurant on Whipple Street.

Military construction funding has already been approved for a new 25-meter eight lane Training Pool to replace Pool 307 currently housed in a World War II era Quonset Hut, and the Coasters' Harbor Island Vehicle Bridge will be replaced. Long range plans also call for a new Gym 109.

Malloy said the Naval Undersea Warfare Center dedicated a new lab on Feb. 23, and a new Public Safety building west of Gate 11 is expected to open early this spring.



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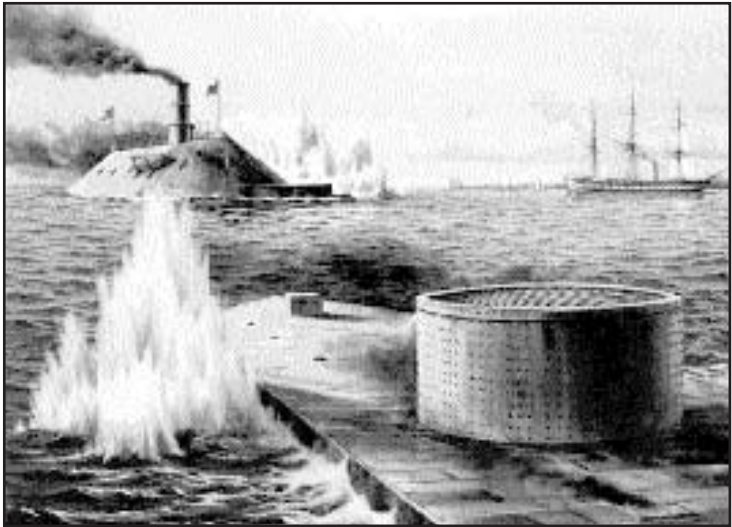


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This week in naval history



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Navy-wide news

Navy satisfied with \$140B budget

WASHINGTON (NNS) — The nation's top Navy and Marine Corps leaders told members of Congress March 1 that the Department of the Navy's (DoN) proposed \$139.8 billion budget request for fiscal year 2008 (FY08) fully supports near and long-term war fighting requirements and will help win the global war on terror (GWOT).

The proposed budget represents a \$12 billion increase from last year's baseline appropriations. It provides for improved facilities for schools and child care and a three percent across-the-board pay increase for service members.

An average O-3 would see his pay increase by about \$1,657 if the budget request passes, and the average E-6 would see an increase of \$1,099.

The FY08 ship construction and aviation procurement plan includes the first CVN-21 aircraft carrier, a Virginia-class submarine, one amphibious assault ship, one logistics ship and three Littoral Combat Ships.

Sailor competes on American Idol

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (NNS) —A Navy musician is competing for fame and the potential of a recording contract on the sixth season of the FOX television network's hit show, *American Idol*.

Musician 3rd Class Phil Stacey of the Navy Region Southeast Navy Band, based at Naval Air Station Jacksonville, Fla., dedicated his performance on the show to his fellow Sailors during the nationwide broadcast Feb. 27.

In October, Stacey auditioned for the show during tryouts in Memphis, Tenn. During his audition, his wife delivered the couple's second daughter, and he was selected to compete in Hollywood.

Elliptical trainer for PFA tested

USS BOXER, At Sea (NNS) — A USS Boxer Sailor tested the elliptical trainer option for the Navywide physical fitness assessment (PFA) Feb. 25 to provide firsthand knowledge and feedback to fellow Sailors.

Damage Controlman 2nd Class Stephen Petrosky, who consistently scored a level of outstanding on the run portion of the PFA, tested the new alternative to the 1.5 mile run requirement. He is considered a role model aboard Boxer for the Navy's "culture of fitness."

Following the guidelines, Petrosky, who weighs 200 pounds, burned 204 calories in 12 minutes while using an elliptical trainer in the ship's gym.

Health

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our tracking database identifies a person that is within his window for the PDHRA, they will be contacted by the (Individual Medical Readiness) IMR Clinic to schedule their deployment-related appointment.

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LDO/CWO

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experience component that emphasizes critical thinking, decision making, character development, problem solving, and team building.

The LDO/CWO course relocated to Newport in January 2006 from Officer Training Command Pensacola, Fla. The first LDO/CWO class graduated Feb. 9. LDO/CWO Class 7080 and ultimate duty assignments follow:

Ensign Jason Allnutt, Navy Submarine Torpedo Facility Yorktown, Yorktown, Va.

CWO2 Tony Baird, USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN 71), Norfolk, Va.

Ensign Carl Blankenship, USS Stethem (DDG 83), Japan.

Ensign Alan Bush, Submarine Squadron 11, San Diego.

Ensign David Chandler, USS Ronald Reagan (CVN 76), San Diego.

Ensign Michael Chavarria, USS Ronald Reagan (CVN 76), San Diego.

Ensign William Corrigan, 3rd Marine Division Detachment, Kaneohe, Hawaii

Ensign Emmitt Dempsey, Navy Information Operations Command, Norfolk, Va.

CWO2 Stephen Ditamore, Training Air Wing 5, Milton, Fla.

Ensign Paul Dubose, USS Bon Homme Richard (LHD 6), San Diego.

Ensign Eric Evangelista, Strike Fighter Squadron 195, Japan

Ensign Malvin Fikes, Naval Security Forces, Bahrain

CWO2 Jimmy George, USS Iwo Jima (LHD 7), Norfolk, Va.

Ensign Robert Gist, Naval Criminal Investigative Service, San Diego.

CWO2 Donald Greene, USS Fort McHenry (LSD 43), Virginia Beach, Va.

CWO2 Bernard Greteman, Naval

Aviation School, Pensacola, Fla.

Ensign Mark Hezler, USS Donald Cook (DDG 75), Twenty Nine Palms, Calif.

Ensign Marvin Herring, 1st Marine Division Detachment, Twenty Nine Palms, Calif.

Ensign Lamont James, DDG Crew Golf, Norfolk, Va.

Ensign Willie Jordan, Strike Fighter Squadron 14, Lemoore, Calif.

CWO2 Scott Kirkland, Mid-Atlantic Regional Maintenance Center, Submarine Repair Company, Norfolk, Va.

CWO2 Brian Newcomb, USS New Orleans (LPD 18), San Diego.

Ensign John Peters, USS Carl Vinson (CVN 70), Norfolk, Va.

Ensign Christopher Rastrelli, Pacific Submarine Force Operations, Pacific Fleet, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii

Ensign Dana Rockot, Helicopter Maritime Strike Squadron 71

Ensign Douglas Ruegger, USS Nimitz (CVN 68), North Island, Va.

CWO2 Chad Ruff, Tactical Electronic Warfare Squadron 132, San Diego

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CWO2 Jason Shake, Navy Information Operations Command, Hawaii, Kunia, Hawaii

CWO2 William Stevens, USS Ashland (LSD 48), Virginia Beach, Va.

Ensign Cameron Thomas, Navy Information Operations Command, Texas, San Antonio, Texas

Ensign Jerry Tofte, Strike Fighter Squadron 11, Oceana, Va.

Ensign Timothy Trevino, USS Enterprise (CVN 65), Norfolk, Va.

Ensign Joseph Walker, Naval Hospital Pensacola, Pensacola, Fla.

Ensign Laveda Warrior, Strike Fighter Squadron 37, Virginia Beach, Va.

Ensign Nigel Yoder, USS Princeton (CG 59), San Diego.

Maldonado

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ing Center. After graduation, he received follow-on training at Basic Engineering Common Core in Great Lakes, and then reported to his initial assignment aboard the amphibious landing command and control ship USS Mount Whitney in Norfolk, Va., until October 2004.

He reported to OTCN and became an instructor at the Firefighting School in December 2004. In his off time, he volunteers by collecting and donating food, books, used prescription glasses and cell phones to local charities for community distribution.

He lives in Portsmouth with his wife, Deborah who is a special education teacher at Simms Middle School in East reenwich, R.I.

Eccles

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sion of USS Richard B. Russell at Mare Island Naval Shipyard, Vallejo, Calif. As docking officer, he demonstrated the ability to dry dock nuclear powered ships and aircraft carriers at Hunter's Point in San Francisco, including the aircraft carriers USS Enterprise and USS Carl Vinson, and the cruiser USS California.

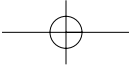
Eccles was project officer for the attack submarine USS Parche and assistant program manager for deep ocean engineering in the Navy's Deep Submergence Systems Program.

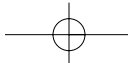
He served twice in the Virginia Class Submarine Program, directing design and construction. Eccles has also served as executive assistant to Commander, Naval Sea Systems Command.

Tea

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vicewomen who would be interested in attending to assist in serving tea and spending some quality time with our fellow women veterans. Transportation to and from the event will be provided from Naval Station Newport. Contact NAVSTA Public Affairs Office at 841-1832 for more information and to volunteer.





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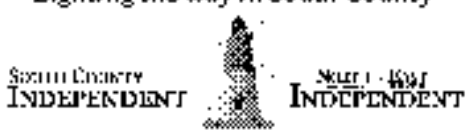
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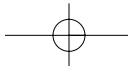


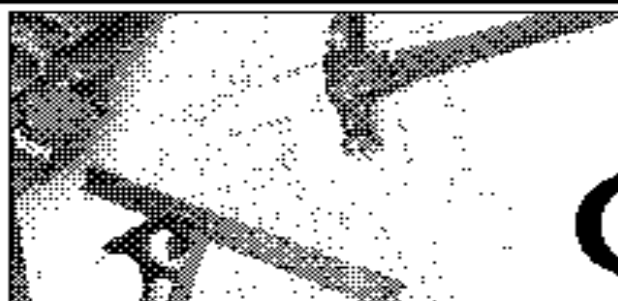
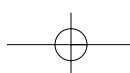
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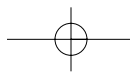
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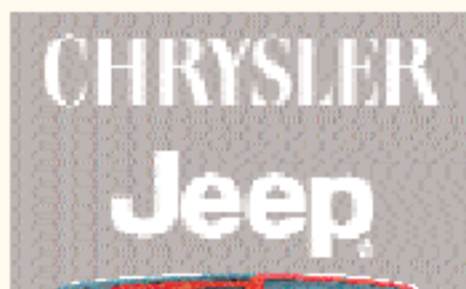
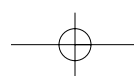
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